

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support
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Douglas Bosco
Board Chair, State Coastal Conservancy
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May 1, 2007

Re: Support for Mote creek to Arena cove Trail Feasibility Grant

Dear Mr. Bosco and Conservancy Board Members:

I fully support the granting of funds to Moat Creek Managing Agency to prepare a feasibility study for trail access from Arena Cove in the City of Point Arena to Moat Creek. The City's General Plan/Local Coastal Plan is very supportive of completing the California Coastal Trail, particularly from Manchester State Park to Schooner Gulch State Beach. This proposed study would lead to completion of the southern link of this section. The City is also more generally supportive of improving the public's access too and along the coast and has required offers to dedicate where development provided the opportunity. The OTD's will expire if not picked up and the City does not wish to lose these opportunities for access.

Development of this portion of the coastal trail is particularly important because of the lack of a safe non-vehicular route south from town where Highway 1 (the only access to the south) enters a steep, narrow and twisting canyon with very poor site distances.

Furthermore, Point Arena was the first City to formally partner with the BLM as a California Coastal National Monument Gateway. This trail would make views of the monument available to the public that would otherwise be inaccessible.

Moat creek Managing Agency has done a superlative job at developing and maintaining the trail from Moat Creek to Ross Creek. I personally enjoy walking on this trail every week and can't help but rejoice in the labor and commitment that created this access. MCMA is well respected in our community and will do a fine job in conducting this feasibility study.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthy project.

Sincerely,



Leslie Dahlhoff

Cc: Deborah Hurst, Project Manager

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Gualala, CA 95445

May 6, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Re: Moat Creek to Arena Cove Trail Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am the organizer of hikes for a group of weekly hikers who live on the Mendocino-Sonoma coast. Our group calls ourselves the Thursday Ramblers. I am also the Project Manager for the extension of the Gualala Bluff trail that the Redwood Coast Land Conservancy is constructing in Gualala so am aware of some of the challenges and opportunities in our area to expand coastal access.

The trails and facilities developed by the Moat Creek Managing Agency are very popular with surfers and abalone fisherman, but we local hikers also appreciate the opportunity to hike the trail they have created, especially on low tide days when we walk to Schooner's Gulch and back. We think that having a link north to Arena Cove would be a wonderful addition. We understand the views are even more spectacular than they are from the current trail.

When Coast Walk brought some of us together who are working on public access in Mendocino County a number of years ago, I was impressed with the enthusiasm and thought going into trying to connect the OTD's and obtain easements to make this new trail possible. Being part of another small all volunteer non profit I know how much a grant like this can mean. The Moat Creek volunteers work hard and have community support judging from all the people who recently attended their annual fund raiser. In spite of this, raising large amounts of money in an area like ours where there are so many needs and so many groups asking for assistance, is difficult.

This project has the support of our hiking group. We urge the Coastal Conservancy to approve this grant. If a trail between Moat Creek and the Arena cove could be created, this would be an amazing addition to the California Coastal trail and a great benefit to our coastal community as well.

Sincerely,



Mary Sue Ittner, for the Thursday Ramblers

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Cc: Deborah Hirst



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May 7, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Redwood Coast Land Conservancy (RCLC) Board of Directors voted to endorse the Moat Creek to Arena Cove Trail Feasibility Study (File No. 07-029-01) at its meeting on April 26, 2007. RCLC maintains a cooperative and supportive relationship with the Moat Creek Managing Agency (MCMA). Based on MCMA's administration of the Moat Creek trail and access site, RCLC is confident that MCMA will complete the proposed feasibility study with accuracy and enthusiasm.

Above all, RCLC is committed to supporting worthwhile public access projects particularly as they relate to completing the ultimate goal of the California Coastal Trail. RCLC takes a further interest in carefully maintaining the very popular access points at the Stornetta Ranch, the Point Arena Lighthouse and Manchester State Beach. The Moat Creek to Arena Cove Trail Feasibility Study will ultimately aid in planning for conscientious public access in these areas as well.

Sincerely,

George R. Anderson, President
Redwood Coast Land Conservancy

cc. Deborah Hirst, Project Manager, SCC



Coastal Trail Project
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Board of Directors
State Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Directors,

Coastwalk would like to express its support for the Moat Creek to Arena Cove Trail Feasibility Study application by the Moat Creek Managing Agency. In our efforts to map the California Coastal Trail and encourage the completion of the Trail, we have noted many places along the coast where the Trail is confined to the highway. In the area just south of Point Arena, the Trail is currently along the highway with very little or no shoulder.

The Moat Creek Managing Agency's project would look at the feasibility of obtaining easement along the bluff top for the Trail, which would allow hikers to avoid the highway entirely. Working with landowners is the most challenging part of developing a trail on private land, and we applaud the MCMA for undertaking this task.

The undeveloped coast of southern Mendocino is extraordinarily beautiful, and the time is right for establishing the California Coastal Trail along this coast before major subdivisions make it much more difficult. We wholeheartedly support the Feasibility Study and hope the Conservancy can support this effort through to completion of the Trail.

Sincerely,

Rixanne Wehren
Mapping Coordinator
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May 7, 2007

Chairman Doug Bosco and Members of the Board
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
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File No. 07-029-01
Moat Creek

Dear Mr. Bosco and Members of the Board,

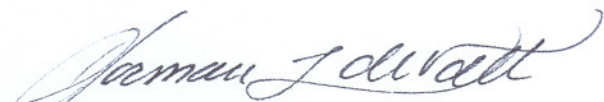
I wish to add my name in support of your Staff's Recommendation to fund the Moat Creek to Arena Cove Trail Feasibility Study.

Between 1979 and 1995 I served on the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors representing the Fifth District which includes the southern 60+ miles of the Mendocino coastline and have always supported more public access to and along the coastal bluff.

As both population and development pressures increase, one wanting more access, the latter, more privacy, our opportunities for public access to the California coastline will only become more challenging.

Those who foresee this public need should, in my opinion, be given all the support possible.

Sincerely,



Norman L. de Vall
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors - ret.

cc: Moat Creek Managing Agency

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May 7, 2007

Douglas Bosco, Chair
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100
Oakland, California 94612

Re: Moat Creek to Arena Cove Trail Feasibility Study (File No. 07-029-01)

Dear Mr. Bosco:

The Mendocino Land Trust is aware that the California Coastal Conservancy Board will be considering a grant May 24, 2007 to the Moat Creek Management Agency (MCMA) to enable preparation of a Feasibility Study for the California Coastal Trail (CCT) segment between Moat Creek and Arena Cove, Mendocino County. We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for this project and explain why the context for your action buttresses our own efforts.

The Moat Creek Managing Agency proposes to prepare a feasibility study for trail access, including outreach to landowners for potential acquisition of trail easements and acceptance of two offers to dedicate, on coastal property between Moat Creek and Arena Cove, in Mendocino County. The feasibility study will include outreach to potential partners and landowners for future implementation of a section of the CCT west of Highway One. The MCMA has enjoyed a successful working relationship with the Conservancy and local partners since 1979 and is uniquely qualified to assess the routing for the CCT in their community.

The proposed feasibility study would become part of the larger planning effort for the CCT being undertaken by the Mendocino Land Trust covering the entire Mendocino County coast. The study would act as Phase One for planning a continuous trail from Moat Creek, where MCMA has successfully managed a public access trail since 2002, north to Point Arena. The proposed project is consistent with recommendations of the Conservancy's *Completing the California Coastal Trail* report that identifies this portion of the Mendocino Coast as requiring improvement to reach the goal of connecting the entire coast of California for public access from Mexico to the border of Oregon. The potential opportunity to link the existing segments of the CCT at Moat Creek to Ross Creek with public lands (Bureau of Land Management/Stornetta Ranch to the north and State Parks to the south) make this project of high importance.

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By funding the proposed MCMA feasibility study, the Coastal Conservancy can continue to play a leading role in developing the CCT in Mendocino County and foster local partnerships. We urge you to approve \$30,000 in funding for the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James R. Bernard", with a stylized, flowing script.

James R. Bernard
Executive Director

cc: Patricia Schwindt, MCMA

Redwood Coast Watersheds Alliance

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May 7, 2007

Mr. Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer
State Coastal Conservancy
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Re: Moat Creek to Arena Cove Trail Feasibility Study - File No. 07-029-01

Dear Mr. Schuchat,

While the primary objectives of the Redwood Coast Watersheds Alliance are to further protection of forests and fisheries, we are keenly aware of, and strongly support, public access to our preserved natural environment.

Incorporated in 1989 we have experienced an unfortunate loss of both flora and fauna in our region, but also a significant loss of public access to the California coastline.

Therefore, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Redwood Coast Watersheds Alliance we urge the Conservancy to award the Moat Creek to Arena Cove Feasibility Study and support the Staff Recommendation.

Sincerely,



Linda Perkins
Secretary

cc: Moat Creek Managing Agency

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